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SUBJ: VISIT OF UN SEC GEN WALDHEIM TO TRIPOLI

1. UN SEC GEN KURT WALDHEIM ARRIVED IN TRIPOLI AUG 23 AND
BEGAN IMMEDIATE TALKS WITH COL. QADHAFI WHICH
REPORTEDLY LASTED MORE THAN TWO HOURS. ACCORDING TO LOCAL
MEDIA, THE TWO PARTIES DISCUSSED PROBLEMS IN THE
ARAB AREA, THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION, RECENT EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN
MILITARY SKIRMISHES, CHAD, ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND UN
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. THE MEETING REPORTEDLY WAS ALSO
ATTENDED BY LIBYAN SECRETARY FOR LIAISON TAHER BEN AMIR
AND LIBYAN FONSEC DR. TURAYKI.

2. IN STATEMENT TO LOCAL MEDIA SECRETARY WALDHEIM EXPRESSED
HIS GRATITUDE TO LIBYANS FOR THE INVITATION TO VISIT
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THE JAMAHIRIYAH. AFTER PRAISING LIBYA'S "PROMINENT
ROLE IN THE UN" AND ITS CONSTRUCTIVE PARTICIPATION
IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL, THE UN SEC GEN RESPONDED TO
QUESTIONS ON LAGOS CONFERENCE COMBATTING RACIAL
SEGREGATION. WALDHEIM REPORTEDLY STATED THAT ACTION
INSTEAD OF A RECONFIRMATION OF PRINCIPLES WAS PRESENTLY
NEEDED. WALDHEIM SUGGESTED THAT ACTION SHOULD TAKE

THE FORM OF A DECLARATION "IMPLYING THE ADOPTION OF PRACTICAL STEPS." WALDHEIM WAS ALSO ASKED ABOUT LIBYA'S OFT STATED AIM OF REFORMING THE UN CHARTER TO ELIMINATE THE RIGHT OF VETO IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL. THE UNSYG RESPONDED THAT THERE MUST BE QUALITY AND EQUAL TREATMENT FOR ALL STATES. HE RECOGNIZED THAT THE UN CHARTER GAVE SPECIAL RIGHTS TO THE CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND INDICATED AS A RESULT OF CONSTANT COMPLAINTS AGAINST "THIS DISCRIMINATION" FROM THE MEMBERS STATES A UNGA COMMITTEE IS PRESENTLY REVIEWING THE CHARTER. HE STATED THAT HE IS NOW WAITING FOR THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT TO ASCERTAIN WHAT THE GA WILL DO BASED ON THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

3. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW SETTLEMENTS ON THE WEST BANK BY ISRAELI AUTHORITIES, WALDHEIM EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN ABOUT THRESE DEVELOPMENTS AND POINTED TO A NUMBER OF UN RESOLUTIONS THAT ADDRESSED THIS PARTICULAR PROBLEM. HE REITERATED HIS REGRET OVER THE ISRAELI MOVE WHICH HE STATED WAS AN ACTION WHICH WOULD "OBSCURE EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH PEACE." HE SAID HE COULD NOT UNDERSTATE THIS "GREAT PREOCCUPATION" AND EXTREME INTEREST IN THESE CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS.

4. DURING STATE DINNER HOSTED BY LIBYAN FOREIGN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SECRETARY DR. TURAYKI, LIBYAN FONMIN PRAISED UN SECGEN WALDHEIM'S SUPPORT FOR "JUST CAUSES AND PEACE IN THE WORLD." TURAYKI CONDEMNED RACISM IN SOUTH AFRICA AND CALLED UPON THE SECGEN TO WORK FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER. FOREIGN SECRETARY ALSO RAISED THE QUESTION OF ABOLISHING THE UNSC RIGHT TO VETO AND STATED THAT LIBYA WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO ACHIEVING EQUALITY IN THE UN.

5. UNSYG'S REMARKS DURING DINNER REITERATED PREVIOUS STATEMENTS MADE IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE. WALDHEIM, HOWEVER, DID STATE TO HOSTS DURING COMMENTS ON MIDDLE EAST THAT IMPORTANT FACTORS FOR SOLVING ISSUE WERE, FIRST, ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES; SECOND, ISSUE OF PALESTINIANS, AND THIRD, "GUARANTEE OF THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF ALL STATES IN THE REGION TO LIVE IN PEACE AND SECURE BORDERS." THE UNSYG IS REPORTED TO HAVE STATED THAT "TIME WAS RUNNING OUT" FOR THE SOLUTION OF THIS ISSUE.

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